

## House Resolution

**No. 4**

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House Resolution No. 4—Relative to National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

1 WHEREAS, February 7, 2007, is the seventh annual observance  
2 of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; and  
3 WHEREAS, This observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize  
4 Black American communities to get educated, get tested, get  
5 treated, and get involved with HIV/AIDS, as it continues to  
6 devastate Black communities; and  
7 WHEREAS, African-Americans represent nearly 19 percent of  
8 all people living with AIDS in California as of November 30, 2005.  
9 Eighty percent of those are African-American men, while 20  
10 percent are African-American women; and  
11 WHEREAS, More than half of all people living in the United  
12 States with HIV/AIDS and newly infected with HIV each year are  
13 African-Americans, yet African-Americans make up only 12  
14 percent of the population; and  
15 WHEREAS, Among women, Black Americans account for  
16 two-thirds of all new infections, representing an unprecedented  
17 crisis for Black America; and  
18 WHEREAS, The Black AIDS Institute and National Black  
19 Caucus of State Legislators are hosting community events to  
20 recognize this day and its importance to Black Americans and all  
21 concerned citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the Assembly of the State of  
2 California joins with other state legislative black caucuses to  
3 express our strong support for National Black HIV/AIDS  
4 Awareness Day and the initiatives to prevent the spread of  
5 HIV/AIDS in Black American communities and provide treatment  
6 and support services to those living with HIV/AIDS; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That*  
9 February 7, 2007, be designated as National Black HIV/AIDS  
10 Awareness Day in the State of California; and be it further

11 *Resolved, That the Assembly of the State of California*  
12 encourages Californians to strongly support this day and participate  
13 in events planned to commemorate the occasion.